



BUFFALO Presbyterian CHURCH



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Words to Live By

You won't want to miss welcoming Pastor Brian back from his Sabbatical! He will be doing this sermon series in the month of August.

- ⇒ I Love You
- ⇒ Thank You
- ⇒ Please Forgive Me
- ⇒ I Forgive You

AUGUST SERMON SERIES

WORDS TO LIVE BY

Ho'oponopono: a traditional Hawaiian practice of reconciliation and problem-solving. It's a process of making things right and seeking forgiveness. The mantra "I'm sorry, Please forgive me, Thank you, I love you" is a powerful way to express emotions, seek healing, and cultivate compassion, both for oneself and others.

150TH ANNIVERSARY: SEASON OF CELEBRATION

Blessing of Backpacks

- 162 backpacks will be blessed and shared with students for this school year!

Sunday
August 3, 2025
9:30 am

Classes, Coffee, & Conversations

Will be returning in the fall. Please join us for coffee and snacks following worship on Sundays.

Please watch for more information in September.

Blessing of Backpacks

We will have 162 backpacks blessed at our worship service on August 3, 2025 at 9:30am. These backpacks will be shared with students for the upcoming school year!

We hope you enjoy our monthly newsletter, **The New Times**.

For comments and suggestions, please contact the BPC office at office@buffalopresbyterian.org



I'm admittedly terrible at observing the sabbath. Of the 10 commandments it is likely the one I break the most and I'd guess that might be true for some of you as well. During my sabbatical I saw a better picture of the true beauty and importance of sabbath. A sabbatical is after all an extended sabbath. Everyday life contains so many things that compete for our time and attention and as limited creatures we can't give our attention to everyone or everything all the time. I believe this is a core reason that God commands sabbath observance, to make sure that we set aside time to train our attention on God (first and foremost) and on those people around us. Sabbath helps us make space for God, neighbor, and ourselves, the very persons God commands us to love.

One of the primary blessings my sabbatical offered me was time to spend exploring places in God's creation I'd never been to before and in the midst of that having lots of unstructured time to rest and reflect. In these times and places I was free to look for God and let myself be found by God. Sabbath is connected to freedom, freedom to be present with God, freedom to be present with others, freedom to be our full selves. The 10 Commandments as found in Deuteronomy remind us of this when the connection between sabbath and the Exodus is made.

'Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as

you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day. -Deut. 5:12-15

When we speak of freedom we can speak of freedom from something and freedom for something. In the case of the Exodus God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and for covenant with God, that is to be God's people. Sabbath, and by extension sabbatical, frees us from the cares and distractions of the world for relationship with God, others, and ourselves.

I was blessed during my sabbatical to have greater time to (re)connect with God in prayer, solitude, and communal worship. I owe many thanks to congregations in the Lutheran, Episcopal, and Presbyterian traditions for welcoming me as a worshiper in their midst. As has long been the case, being in the beauty of nature and receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion proved pivotal in my encounters with God during my time away.

Similarly I was blessed with time spent with family and friends throughout my sabbatical, growing and renewing my relationship with each of them. Time away and at home provided me space to reconnect with myself, allowing me to learn and relearn things about who I am, what feeds me, and what I can do to best care for myself.

The freedom of sabbatical reflects and is an extension of the freedom sabbath offers us. This, I believe, is why the practice of sabbath is so important, not just for us as individuals, but for us as a community. So I encourage each of you to find ways to practice or continue practicing sabbath, so that you might grow closer to God, to one another, and to yourself.

My deep gratitude to you all who made my sabbatical possible.

God's Blessings,
Pastor Brian

'Making Space for God'

Missions

Free Community Spaghetti Supper


Our free community spaghetti supper on July 5th was a hit! We had about 53 people enjoy a wonderful meal and great fellowship! Thank you so much to those that helped make this happen!!

Red Cross Blood Drive

Help Save a Life!

Please join us for a blood drive on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Visit RedCrossBlood.org to schedule an appointment.

We are looking for volunteers. Please sign up outside the office if you are interested in helping. Thank you!



Red Cross Blood Drive

**AUGUST 13, 2025
12:00PM-6:00PM**

Sign Up Online at
RedCrossBlood.org, enter 55313.



COMMUNITY PORK CHOP DINNER

\$10

507 Calder Ave NE
Buffalo, MN 55313

GET YOUR TICKET TODAY!

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 4, 2025
5PM-7PM**



Let's Celebrate

★ **OUR** ★

Hardwork!

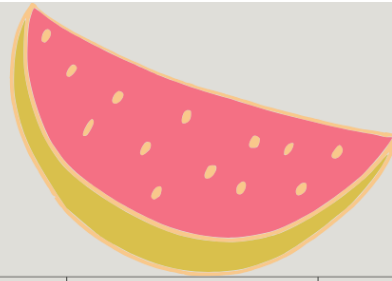
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The office will be closed on SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

John 13:34

AUGUST



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	01	02
03 9:30AM WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION & BACKPACK BLESSING	04 6:30PM PRAYER SHAWL GROUP	05 9AM CRAFTY LADIES 9AM MEN'S BREAKFAST 6:30PM FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE MTG	06 3PM PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MTG	07 7:30AM PEOPLE OF FAITH 10AM WOMEN OF FAITH 5:30PM RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP	08	09
10 9:30AM WORSHIP	11 5PM FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MTG	12 9AM CRAFTY LADIES 9AM MEN'S BREAKFAST 5PM MISSIONS COMMITTEE MTG 6:30PM FINANCE COMMITTEE MTG	13 12PM RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE	14 7:30AM PEOPLE OF FAITH 10AM WOMEN OF FAITH 5:30PM RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP	15	16 9AM SESSION RETREAT
17 9:30AM WORSHIP	18 5PM DEACONS MTG	19 9AM CRAFTY LADIES 9AM MEN'S BREAKFAST	20	21 7:30AM PEOPLE OF FAITH 10AM WOMEN OF FAITH 5:30PM RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP 7PM COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MTG	22	23
24 9:30AM WORSHIP	25	26 9AM CRAFTY LADIES 9AM MEN'S BREAKFAST	27	28 7:30AM PEOPLE OF FAITH 10AM WOMEN OF FAITH 5:30PM RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP	29	30
31 9:30AM WORSHIP	01	02	03	04	05	06

BPC Invites You To Our
 150th Anniversary
**WORSHIP
 SERVICE**

09/13/2025

3PM WORSHIP WITH REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW

BUFFALO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 507 CALDER AVE NE
 BUFFALO, MN 55313

**THANK
 YOU**

The Pattee family thanks our
 B.P.C. family for helping us cele-
 brate a milestone in our lives.
 Thank you all who came, and
 thanks for prayers and well wish-
 es from others. We are thankful
 for our Families.

Love, Larry and Lavina Pattee.

Vessels
 of Love

WOMEN'S RETREAT



SEPTEMBER 26-28, 2025
 AT CLEARWATER FOREST

-Please email office@buffalopresbyterian.org to register-

- \$100 Non-Refundable Deposit Due August 1st
- Remaining Balance Due September 1
- Food Cost will be paid at the retreat
- Make checks out to BPC with Clearwater in the memo

With 21 participants, the average cost is \$144 per person not including food

Questions: Contact Michele Lawlor at mlawor@tds.net

August Volunteer Schedule

Service Date	Coffee Time	Greeters	Lay Leader	Sound Board	Ushers
8/3	Deacons	Mike Quady & Elaine Thole	Steve Grittman	Eric Ellwoods	Kellie Johnson & Kevin Spike
8/10	Worship & Music Committee	Kathy Quady & Larry Janski	Eric Ellwoods	Chuck Klaassen	Kellie Johnson & Kevin Spike
8/17	Crafty Ladies	Liz Klaassen & Elaine Thole	Ashton Olsen	Mike Quady	Kellie Johnson & Kevin Spike
8/24	Choir	Larry Janski & Kathy Quady	Chuck Klaassen	Eric Ellwoods	Kellie Johnson & Kevin Spike
8/31	Fellowship Committee	Charlie Wilkens & Liz Klaassen	Mike Quady	Chuck Klaassen	Kellie Johnson & Kevin Spike

The congregation is invited to join in the discussion with the Session and the Rev. Anna Kendig Flors to reflect on the conversation from the July 13th worship service.

**August 16, 2025
Fellowship Hall**

Watch the bulletin and website for the time.



Buffalo Presbyterian Church 150TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

SEPT. 13, 2025
3PM

Community
Worship Service

OCT. 4, 2025
5PM-7PM

Community Dinner

NOV. 9, 2025
3PM-5PM

Organ Concert by
Ralph Johansen

DEC. 7, 2025
9:30AM

150th Anniversary
Celebration Worship
Service



Session

Meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 6:30pm

Theresa Bevilacqua
Cindy Doth
Larry Janski
Ashton Olsen
Ralph Johansen
Chuck Klaassen
Linda Shebiel
Mike Quady
Pastor Brian Entz

Finance Committee
Fellowship Committee
Personnel Committee
Communications Committee
Worship & Music Committee
Building & Grounds Committee
Missions Committee
Faith Formation Committee/ Clerk of Session
Moderator



Board of Deacons

Meets monthly on the third Monday at 4:00pm

Diane Ellis * Treasurer
Kellie Johnson
Michele Lawlor
Joan Lowe*
Lavina Pattee
Kathy Quady



To contribute to our mission and ministry online, please scan the QR code.



Buffalo Presbyterian Church is a congregation in which the Word, the Spirit, and the Love of God enrich and strengthen us as individuals and families in Christ.

The purpose of this Church is to fully equip us to become disciples of Jesus Christ, obeying His commandments to love and worship God, love and care for our neighbors, and make new disciples in our community and the world.



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